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SUBJ: AFDROUGHT - PROPOSED US SURVEY

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1. SINCE REPORTING UN SECRETARIAT (HUBBARD) VIEWS
REFTEL RE PROPOSED US SURVEY SAHELIAN COUNTRIES TO ASSESS
AND EVALUATE MEDIUM/LONG TERM RECOVERY PROBLEMS AND
REQUIREMENTS, MISOFF HAS, ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, HAD
FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES DISCUSS MATTER WITH HUBBARD.
ON THESE OCCASIONS HUBBARD EXPRESSED SAME HESITANCY
AND APPREHENSION, IF NOT AMBIVALENCE, REPORTED PREVIOUSLY.
HE CLEARLY DID NOT SUPPORT PROPOSAL BUT, AT THE SAME TIME,
HE DID NOT OPPOSE IT AND, INCREASINGLY, SEEMED RESIGNED
TO PROBABILITY SURVEY WOULD TAKE PLACE.

2. TODAY, HOWEVER, SUBJECT AROSE IN CONTEXT DISCUSSION
OTHER MATTERS BETWEEN MINCON AND MISOFF AND USYG MORSE.
USYG MORSE HAD NO HESITANCY IN EXPRESSING RESERVATIONS
ON PROPOSED SURVEY BEFORE PIC MEETINGS EARLY SEPTEMBER,
AND WENT ON TO EXPRESS VIEW SURVEY, ESPECIALLY BEFORE PIC
HAS HAD OPPORTUNITY PRONOUNCE ITSELF, COULD MAKE UN'S,
IF NOT OUR OWN, TASK OF COMING TO TERMS, AND
ESTABLISHING RAPPORT, WITH PIC MORE DIFFICULT THAN IT
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ALREADY IS.

3. MORSE SAID HE COULD NOT SEE WHAT DIFFERENCE SEVERAL MORE WEEKS WOULD MAKE IN UNDERTAKING SURVEY VIS-A-VIS STAKES INVOLVED IN POSSIBLE ALIENATION RECIPIENT COUNTRIES AND PROGRAM WHICH WOULD STRETCH OUT OVER YEARS. HE FURTHER SAID HE WOULD NOT PRECLUDE NECESSITY FOR MOUNTING MULTINATIONAL FIELD SURVEY/REQUIREMENTS ANALYSIS FOLLOWING PIC MEETINGS DEPENDING ON RESULTS THOSE MEETINGS.

4. COMMENT. WHILE USUN APPRECIATES NECESSITY FOR COMING UP WITH SOUND REQUIREMENTS ANALYSIS AND FIELD SURVEY/ EVALUATION AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, WOULD HOPE, AT SAME TIME, THAT, IN TAKING FINAL DECISION ON TIMING, ETC., DUE ACCOUNT BE GIVEN MORSE'S VIEWS, OTHER VISITS TAKING PLACE DURING SAME PERIOD AND SENSITIVITIES SAHELIAN COUNTRIES CONCERNED. END COMMENT.
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